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The narrow, cobbled streets of Alghero's medieval citadel, packed with boutiques, bars and restaurants, slope towards the harbour and sweeping bay. Built in a buttery sandstone that glows a soft apricot shade in the setting sun, it's Sardinia's most picturesque Old Town. Spanish-style palazzos and street signs in Italian and Catalan reflect its proud heritage: 300 years of Aragon rule. Fringed by pine forests, long sandy beaches, hotels and bars curve away towards green headlands. It's an idyllic setting.



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# THE CITY



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Protected by ancient walls with seven fortifying towers, Alghero lies between the sea and a green hinterland of olive trees and vines. Although well geared for tourism with its excellent fish restaurants and countless little shops in the Centro Storico (Old Town), it retains an unhurried charm. With long beaches of soft sand stretching along its winding coastline, sheltered by quiet pine forests and dotted with bars and hotels, it offers a relaxing holiday mix of sun, sea, sand and small city charm.

In the citadel's web of narrow streets, washing hangs beneath the shuttered windows of tall, tightly packed houses and peeling stucco reveal the ancient stone of buildings inhabited for 800 years. Street names are in Italian and Catalan, a dialect that has been spoken here since the 13th century.

Bars and restaurants spill out onto cobbled streets and little piazzas, their tables shaded by stylish cream umbrellas. They line the great ramparts, too, affording grand views and cooling sea breezes.

The real magic of Alghero comes with the sunset. To stroll along the walls, or sit at a bar and watch the old city's buildings glow a peachy-apricot colour as the sun sets in a ball of orange fire behind the headland across the bay is one of life's special pleasures. Get an outdoor table at one of the rampart restaurants, to dine by flickering candlelight, and the romance is complete.

# DO & SEE



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With a medieval city centre, a beautiful marina, lovely sandy beaches with activities such as kitesurfing and plenty of historical sights to visit, a trip to Alghero will never be boring. Within just a few hours from Alghero are also a number of picturesque towns, stunning beaches and breathtaking natural wonders, all making for delightful day-trips.

# Cathedral of St Mary the Immaculate



The 16th-century Duomo is mainly Catalan-Gothic and Renaissance, although you wouldn't guess that from its Doric-columned frontage.

Inside are peach-coloured walls, 18th-century chapels, and impressive Baroque marble balustrades before the statue-filled high altar.

Photo: Daniel Aragay/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Duomo di Alghero; Cattedrale di Santa Maria
Immacolata, Piazza Duomo, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 979 222



#### **Diocesan Museum of Sacred Art**



This art museum is located in the former Rosario church, next to the Cathedral, and it is the ideal setting for an array of priceless

religious art. They also showcase African sacred paintings and artworks.

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Address: Museo Diocesano d'Arte Sacra, Via Maiorca,

Alghero

Phone: +39 079 9733 041

Internet: www.algheroturismo.eu/en/inserimenti/museo-dioce

sano-darte-sacra

#### Torre di Porta Terra



The tower — the remains of the main land gate entrance into the old city — houses a bookshop on the ground floor.

Upstairs, touch screens

provide a virtual journey through Alghero's history, and a top floor terrace offers panoramic city and harbour views.

Photo: Benoît Prieur/public domain/wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Piazza Porta Terra, Alghero

# **Church of San Francesco**



Chiesa de San Fransesco is an enchanting, lovingly restored 14th-century church with a mix of Romanesque, Gothic and late Renaissance styles. It

also provides a tranquil cloister where summer concerts are held.

Photo: Gianni Careddu/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Chiesa di San Francesco, Via Carlo Alberto 46, Alghero

#### Piazza Civica



If you walk through the Port a Mare (Sea Gate) from the harbour you will end up at this oblong, and often very crowded, piazza. It is overseen by

the grand, late-medieval Catalan façade of the Palazzo d'Albis.

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Address: Piazza Civica, Alghero

# Neptune's Grotto



Tour boats leave the harbour for Capo Caccia and the amazing Neptune caves, with 20m-long stalagmite and stalactite formations decorating a

cave lake. Alternatively, take the bus to Capo Caccia and negotiate the steep and dramatic 656 steps down to the caves, and then climb back up again!

Photo: Tobias Helfrich/cc by-sa 2.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Grotta di Nettuno, Capo Caccia, Alghero

Phone: +39 345 741 8361 Internet: grottadinettuno.it/en

#### **Nuraghe Palmavera**



This is the ruins of a nuraghe (stone tower) village dating from 1500 BC. This is one of the most important historical sites on Sardinia and here

you can see the central limestone tower and remnants of circular dwellings.

Photo: Tristan Ferne/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)



Address: Complesso nuragico di Palmavera, Palmavera,

Alghero

Phone: +39 329 438 5947 Internet: nuraghepalmavera.it

More Info: On the road to Porto Conte, about 10 km from

Alghero

# Necropolis of Anghelu Ruju



This necropolis from pre-nuragic times is located 9 km from the town of Alghero. 37 tombs, some of them decorated with bull's

heads can be visited here. Just 1 km from the ruins, you can visit a small museum, Museo e Tenuta Vitivinicola, which shows replicas of some of the findings.

Photo: Clemensfranz/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Necropoli di Anghelu Ruju, Alghero

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2pm Phone: +39 329 438 5947

Internet: necropoliangheluruju.it Email: silt.coop@tiscali.it

#### La Pelosa Beach

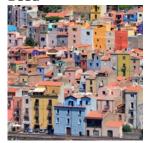


La Pelosa Beach in the fishing village of Stintino is one of the most beautiful beaches in the Mediterranean, maybe the most beautiful of

them all, so while you're on Sardinia you shouldn't miss this gem. It is located about an hour from Alghero, so pack a picnic and let this be a day-trip.

Photo: Tommie Hansen/cc by 2.0/Flickr(image cropped) Address: Spiaggia La Pelosa, Pelosa Village, Stintino

#### Bosa



Bosa is a small romantic town on the west coast of Sardinia about one hour from Alghero. Stroll down the narrow streets among the pastel coloured

houses. On one side of the town you will find a majestic beach and on the other side a river. The ride itself from Alghero along the sea is already worth it.

Photo: Gzzz/cc by-sa 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Bosa, Sardinia

Internet: strictlysardinia.com/bosa-sardinia-guide

#### Castelsardo



Besides visiting the famous Elephant Rock, be sure to enjoy the delicacies of this Medieval town. In the winter, make sure to try

the seasonal speciality — spaghetti with sea urchin and in the summer time, lobster is the dish to order. Castelsardo is located about 70 km north of Alghero.

Photo: Daniel Dorfer/unsplash

Address: Castelsardo, Region Nuraghe Biancu, Alghero

#### Wine Resort Ledà d'Ittiri



On the 18 hectares of Azienda Agricola Leda' d'Ittiri, grapes and olives are grown. The landlady is more than happy to take guests around the

estate to show the plants and then give them the possibility to try the wines and the olives.

Photo: Rostislav\_Sedlacek / Shutterstock.com Address: Azienda Agricola Leda' d'Ittiri, Localita Arenosu,



Alghero

Opening hours: April-October Phone: +39 329 252 8891 Internet: www.margallo.it

# Le Ragnatele Adventure Park



This outdoor adventure park is a fun visit for both adults and children. With total security, you will get the chance to transfer yourself between hanging

platforms in the trees. Steel cables, Tibetan bridges, cable cars, ropes and ladders will test your courage.

Photo: ER\_09 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Santa Barbara 24, Alghero

Phone: +39 339 10 11 230 Internet: www.ilragno.it

#### Le Bombarde Beach



Just a short bike ride from Alghero, you find this beach with all amenities one might need, such as toilets, restaurants, sunbeds for

rent and plenty of sports and activities. You can easily spend a sunny day here.

Photo: haveseen / Shutterstock.com Address: Riviera del Corallo, Alghero

Phone: +39 333 782 6584

Internet: dronemaplebombarde.vint0.webpsi.it/dronemapjble

bombardebeach

#### **Coral Museum**



Alghero is known for its red coral, and here at the small Coral Museum you can watch an exhibition on the history of the old tradition where they

harvest these water plants. The corals are then used for making unique jewellery, that you can find everywhere on the island.

Photo: dive-hive / Shutterstock.com Address: Via XX Settembre 8, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 413 4690

Internet: museialghero.it/en/museo-del-corallo

# **Diving**



The water around
Sardinia is crystal clear
and is perfect for diving.
Dive down beneath the
surface and explore the
marine life together with

wrecks dating from Roman times as well as both World Wars. Located within the Marina of Porto Conte is an exclusive diving centre, Diving Porto Conte, which has 300 berths. Facilities here include a pizza restaurant and bar, well-equipped bathrooms and hot showers, and ample parking spaces.

Photo: CK Ma / Shutterstock.com

Address: Porto Conte Diving Center, Loc Porto Conte Marina

99, c/o Porto Turistico, Alghero Phone: +39 389 602 9814

Internet: www.portocontedivingcenter.it



# Motocross Track Sardinia-Alghero



For motorcycle racing lovers, this place is recommended. They organize motorcycle competitions and events here and they even offer

motocross courses for those interested to learn the sport.

Photo: VR Photos / Shutterstock.com

Address: Pista Motocross Sardegna-Alghero, Localita Pera

Ponte, Alghero

Phone: +39 339 156 3123

Email: info@agrisportziamaria.com

#### Mugoni Beach



This long and sheltered beach is very popular among both tourists and locals. With its crystal clear water and white sand it is also very

beautiful. Some of the services you find here include boat hiring and sunbeds, and for those who wish to spend more than one day here there are also hotels close by.

Photo: Gabriele Maltinti / Shutterstock.com

Address: Spiaggia di Mugoni

# Walls & Bastions of Alghero



The imposing
16th-century walls that
surrounded the city are
still largely intact, and
provide a stunning
backdrop to the whole

city, especially along the seafront. The ramparts, called bastioni, house numerous restaurants, bars, cafes and shops, which are great for a drink at sunset in the evening breeze.

Photo: Gabriele Maltinti / Shutterstock.com Internet: www.sardegnaturismo.it/en/explore/walls-and-basti ons-alghero

#### **Church of Saint Michael**



The Chiesa di San Michele is easily recognisable for the colourful tile pattern of its dome, which showcases the island's

Catalan influences. It is located on Via Carlo Alberto, the main thoroughfare in the Centro Storico.

Photo: Alexander Lebedev / Shutterstock.com

Address: Chiesa di San Michele Arcangelo, Via Carlo Alberto,

Alghero

Phone: +39 079 979 234

Internet: www.santuariosanmichele.it

#### Maddalena Fort & Tower



Forte della Maddalena, a fortification that makes up part of the city walls, once overlooked the marina. Today only bits of it remain, but these bits

are still impressive and imposing. Be sure to visit and catch a glimpse of what the city's old defences once looked like.

Photo: Joan/cc by-sa 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Forte della Maddalena, Alghero

### Palace of Albis



The Palazzo d'Albis is a beautiful 16th century palace located in the north of the old town and a fabulous example of Aragonese architecture.

It was the residence of Emperor Charles V, and



is has been well preserved until today.

Photo: Sailko/cc by 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Palazzo d'Albis, Porta a Mare, Alghero

# Regional Natural Park of Porto Conte



The bay of Porto Conte is home to a natural reserve full of breathtaking vistas and natural wonders. From the limestone cliffs of Punta Giglio and Capo

Caccia to countless hills, creeks and plains, the reserve is a nature lover's dream, with plenty of opportunities to hike, explore, bird watch, and much more.

Photo: Gabriele Maltinti / Shutterstock.com

Address: Parco di Porto Conte Phone: +39 079 945 005

Internet: www.algheroparks.it/en

# Lake Baratz



Located just a short ride from Alghero is Lake Baratz, Sardinia's only natural fresh water lake. The location is stunning, near Porto Ferro bay and

surrounded by lush forests and plenty of wildlife. Swim, hike or catch a glimpse of some elusive and beautiful migratory birds.

Photo: Gabriele Maltinti / Shutterstock.com

Address: Lago di Baratz

# Roman Villa of Saint Imbenia



Located in the Porto Conte bay, this Nuragic site, discovered as recently as the 1980s, held some of the most amazing archaeological findings on the island of Sardinia, including Greek and Phoenician ceramics. A testament to the region's culture and history, this site makes for an interesting visit.

Photo: Gianni Careddu/cc by-sa 3.0/Wikimedia(image cropped) Address: Complesso di Sant'Imbenia

# Alghero City Archaeological Museum (MŪSA)



The Museo Archeologico della Città takes visitors on a journey through the long and fascinating history of the area, from pre-historic records,

through the Nuraghic period, to more recent historical developments in the Phoenician and Roman periods. History and archaeology buffs will not want to miss these exhibits.

Photo: krugloff / Shutterstock.com

Address: Museo Archeologico della città di Alghero, Via Carlo

Alberto, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 980 729

Internet: museialghero.it/museo-archeologico

#### Museum Casa Manno



The Museum Casa Manno gives visitors a taste of a more recent history, the 18th and 19th centuries, through the life of historian and Alghero

native Guiseppe Manno. The exposition's 11 rooms take you through interactive multimedia displays and exhibits, making it engaging for children as well.

Photo: lakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com Address: Via Santa Barbara, Alghero Opening hours: Mon & Fri-Sun 4pm-8pm Internet: www.facebook.com/museocasamanno



#### Pia Maria Beach



This great beach is well within reach from the city centre, which makes it very popular in the summer months, though it never gets too crowded

to enjoy. There are sun beds for rent, as well as plenty of facilities like restaurants, cafes and shops, everything you might need for a day at the beach.

Photo: Gabriele Maltinti / Shutterstock.com

Address: Spiaggia di Maria Pia, Viale I Maggio 15, Alghero

# Splash Aquapark



This innovative aquapark is located not adjacent to, but IN the ocean. The attractions consist of rides, mazes, catapults and much more, that offer

children and adults alike the chance to let loose and enjoy themselves. There is also a pet area and a restaurant on shore.

Photo: Brocreative / Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale I Maggio | Via del Grecale, Alghero

Opening hours: Open seasonally

#### DINING



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Famed for its rock lobsters, Alghero is a treat for lovers of fresh fish and seafood, and its
Catalan-Italian mix makes for some excellent and unusual dishes. Salami and pecorino (sheep milk cheese) are produced locally. Malloreddus, with sausage and tomato sauce, is the standard
Sardinian pasta dish. Local honey appears on most desserts. Try gattò, made from almonds, honey and orange peel. The local red and white wines are excellent, too.

#### Il Pavone



Il Pavone is a superb and charming Alghero restaurant famed for its imaginative menu and signature squid ink pasta. Make sure you ask for the

list of specials which are presented on the side of large medicine bottles. Service is impeccable.

Photo: Nitr / Shutterstock.com Address: Piazza Sulis 3, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu-Sat 12:30pm-2:15pm /

7pm-10pm; Sun 12:30pm-2:15pm

Phone: +39 079 979 584

Internet: www.ilpavone-ristorante.com



# La Lepanto



A feast of fish — see the lobster tank as you walk in — all priced by the l'etto (100g). The restaurant is located in the old city, with a

fantastic view of the sea. Don't forget to try the Tiramisu; it is one of the best on the island.

Photo: kuvona / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Carlo Alberto 135, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 979 116 Internet: www.lalepanto.com Email: info@lalepanto.com

# Azienda Agrituristica Sa Mandra



Enjoy a traditional
Sardinian meat feast on a
farm near the airport.
This place is very popular
so you need to book well
ahead, but it is definitely

worth the effort. During the winter season the restaurant is only open on weekends.

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Address: Strada Provinciale 44, km 1, Alghero

Phone: +39 320 968 7641

Internet: www.aziendasamandra.it

# **Bar Ristorante Mirador**



The Mirador has an ideal location on the city ramparts. Enjoy all areas of the restaurant: the upstairs terrace for sunset watching, the

stylish interior decor, the candlelit outdoor tables in the evening. They offer great fish, delicious spaghetti with lobster and friendly service. Photo: Antonio Sastre / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Manno 16, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu-Sun noon-6:30pm; Wed

closed

Phone: +39 079 973 4018

Internet: www.miradoralghero.it/en Email: info@miradoralghero.it

# Al Tuguri



On three floors of a 15th-century building, this lively trattoria specialises in the fresh fish Catalan-style, and fine pasta dishes. It is

particularly popular with the locals.

Photo: andrecastro / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Maiorca 113, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-2pm / 7:30pm-10pm; Sun

closed

Phone: +39 079 976 772 Internet: www.altuguri.it Email: booking@altuguri.it

# Trattoria Maristella



Built along a sunny Mediterranean lunch spot with a menu that should please vegetarians is Trattoria Maristella. This restaurant is lively and

popular among locals, who highly recommend the pasta with mussels, and don't miss the chance to try one of their wonderful homemade desserts.

Photo: PhotoEd / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Kennedy 9, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-2:30pm / 7:30pm-10:30pm;

Sun 10am-2:30pm Phone: +39 079 978 172

 $Internet: trattoriamaristella.business. site \\ Email: trattoriamaristella@gmail.com$ 



#### Les Arenes



Les Arenes, with its large terrace near the sands of Lido beach, is the premier spot for pizza by the metre in Alghero. But it would be a mistake to

ignore the rest of the varied menu, as it offers some of the finest Italian cuisine in the Sardinian tradition.

Photo: Luca Lorenzelli / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Lido 73, Alghero Phone: +39 079 985 907 Internet: lesarenes.unomenu.it Email: lesarenesalghero@hotmail.it

#### Trattoria La Saletta



This small but very
popular restaurant is
owned and run by two
sisters who serve up
traditional meat-based
Sardinian cuisine. Crowds

fill the welcoming space to enjoy their homemade desserts, such as tiramisu and crema catalana.

Photo: aliasemma / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Kennedy 27/B, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 412 5748

Internet: www.trattorialasaletta.com/en Email: info@trattorialasaletta.com

# **Ristorante The Kings**



Known for its superb service, Ristorante The Kings offers a menu with pasta, meat, fish and Sardinian dishes. There is a beautiful view over the

sunset from the restaurant's terrace.

Photo: Jacques PALUT / Shutterstock.com Address: Bastioni Marco Polo 5, Alghero Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +39 079 979 650

Internet: www.thekingsrestaurant.it Email: info@thekingsrestaurant.it

#### **Ok Pizza Evolution**



This restaurant is something of a hidden gem, for though it is located a distance away from the historic district, it is known for serving the

best pizza in the town of Alghero. Prices are very affordable and it is thus often crowded, which attests to the quality of the pizza.

Photo: Denizo71 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Sebastiano Satta 102, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 973 3022

Internet: www.okpizzaevolution.it

#### Ristorante di Pesce Gioberti



Ristorante Gioberti is a very popular place among locals for its quality food, good service and varied menu. Seafood is the main attraction, but there

are plenty of options if you like something different. It is recommended to book in advance if you want to avoid the queue that often builds up.

Photo: hlphoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Vincenzo Gioberti 40/42, Alghero

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 7pm-10:45pm. Open

seasonally

Phone: +39 079 492 2406

Internet: www.ristorantegioberti.com



#### Ristorante Enhorabona



The wonderfully friendly staff at Enhorabona are always happy to explain every detail of the menu options, which are primarily seafood-based,

with a healthy dose of traditional Sardinian cuisine. Portion sizes are quite generous, and the meals consistently get great reviews for flavour, presentation and freshness.

Photo: jreika / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giuseppe Garibaldi 101, Alghero

Opening hours: Open seasonally Phone: +39 079 989 3078

Internet: www.instagram.com/ristoranteenhorabona

#### La Piadina del Pozzo



La Piadina del Pozzo is probably the best place in Alghero to grab a quick bite on the go. The menu consists of delicious piadinas and paninis with

varied options of meat, cheese, vegetables and sauce. It is recommended to try unusual sounding combinations for a surprising and always pleasing experience.

Photo: ChiccoDodiFC / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Minerva 25, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu-Sun noon-3pm / 7pm-10pm;

Wed closed

Phone: +39 079 492 1239

Internet: la-piadina-del-pozzo.eatbu.com

#### Trattoria Lo Romanì



Trattoria Lo Romanì gets a lot of things right. The setting is stunning, with pastel coloured walls and gentle lighting setting the mood, the service is

friendly and attentive, and the food is great. But what it does best is the porchetto, a traditional Sardinian spit-roasted pork dish, which is better here than anywhere else.

Photo: iva / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Lazzaretto 9, Alghero

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12:30pm-2:30pm /

7:30pm-10:30pm; Mon closed Phone: +39 079 973 8479 Internet: loromani.unomenu.it

#### Bar Ristorante Dietro Il Carcere



Wander just a bit outside the old town to this lovely restaurant where owner Gianni and his staff will make you feel like part of the family. Be sure to

book in advance as it often gets packed, which is understandable given the excellent quality of the food and reasonable prices. Try the tuna risotto, steak and aubergine, or pasta filled with mint and Sardinian cheese.

Photo: \_LeS\_ / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Lido 17, Alghero

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-11pm

Phone: +39 079 097 7547

Email: info@ristorantedietroilcarcere.it More Info: Located in Hotel Soleado



#### **CAFES**



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In Alghero there are many cosy places where you can enjoy a delicious Italian ice cream or a perfect Italian espresso. Sardinian ice cream is famed as the best in the world, and not without good reason. Be sure to enjoy on a blazing-hot summer day, followed by coffee the way only Italians know how to make it.

#### Café Latino



Café Latino is ideally located and offers a nice sea view with comfortable chairs and cosy atmosphere. They serve coffee, delicious cocktails,

artisanal ice cream and sandwiches. The service here is also good with its polite staff.

Photo: Pinar Kucuk/unsplash

Address: Bastioni Magellano 10, Alghero

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +39 079 676 6044 Internet: www.cafelatino.it

#### Bar Focacceria Milese



Since 1971 this bar has served sandwiches and salads on the main boulevard of Alghero. It is famous for its fresh focaccias with a variety of fillings. Try their most popular Focaccia del Milese with fresh tomatoes, tuna, hard-boiled eggs, anchovies, rocket salad, onions, pancetta (cured belly of pork) and a special sauce made from a secret recipe.

Photo: Timolina / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giuseppe Garibaldi 11, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon, Tue & Thu-Sun 7am-11pm; Tue closed

Phone: +39 079 952 419 Internet: www.barmilese.it

# Perbacco Cafè E Bistrò



This place is like the Italian Starbucks. It offers a wide selection of coffees and a variety of fresh food. Perbacco Cafè can sometimes be very

crowded with locals and tourists, but staff are always honest and courteous.

Photo: Lolostock / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Garibaldi 29, Alghero Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-3am

Phone: +39 079 952 421

# **Al Cafferino**



Al Cafferino is all about the pastries. Italian classics like the delectable cream-filled cannoli, as well as international favourites

like croissants, pain-au-chocolat and cinnamon rolls line the displays of Al Cafferino, tempting passers-by to stop and indulge.

Photo: Brent Hofacker / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Cagliari 4, Alghero Phone: +39 347 870 4474



# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Alghero's bars are the focus of the town's nightlife. Be on the ramparts for sunset, and stroll from bar to bar along the Spiaggia di San Giovanni beachfront. Most bars close around 1 or 2 am. After that, head for to waterfront south of the city, which stays busy until around 4 am in summer. Think bar-hopping, cocktail-sipping and people-watching. In the summer months (June to September), head for the outskirts of the city to find the late night discos.

# **Al Refettorio**



Al Refettorio is a trendy and fashionable crowded wine bar that is great for Sardinian wines, aperitifs and a wide range of delicious little snacks. It

is also a nice place where you can enjoy your lunch or dinner.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com Address: Vicolo Adami 47, Alghero

Opening hours: Tue-Sun noon-3pm / 7pm-11:30pm; Mon

closed

Phone: +39 079 973 1126

Internet: www.instagram.com/alrefettorio

Email: agostjnopiras@tiscali.it

#### Buena Vista Bar



Buena Vista, ideally located in the Old Town, is a bar and restaurant known for its great drinks. Watching the sunset from here is

amazing, and at this hour, best paired with their mojito.

Photo: oneinchpunch / Shutterstock.com Address: Bastioni Marco Polo 47, Alghero

#### Poco Loco



Pizza by the metre, draught beer by the litre, ten-pin bowling and a regular programme of live music; these are all reasons why Poco Loco is

a popular hangout. It is open until around 2 am and even features live jazz on Wednesdays.

Photo: The Nix Company/unsplash

Address: Via Antonio Gramsci 8, Alghero

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7pm-midnight, Mon closed

Phone: +39 079 983 604

Internet: www.pocolocoalghero.it

#### L'Arcafè



L'Arcafè is located on the seafront, south of the Old Town. The place is spacious and has outside seating available. They offer live music on

weekends and you can also play a game of foosball here.

Photo: Mpho Mojapelo/unsplash

Address: Lungomare Dante 6, Alghero

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-4am. Also open for lunch in the

summer

Internet: www.larcafe.it



Email: arcamusicbar@gmail.com

# Il Ruscello



Il Ruscello is a very popular big open-air disco within the beautiful garden, and with two dance floors. The nightclub is located about

10 kilometres from Alghero, on the road to Olmedo.

Photo: Sergi Dolcet Escrig/unsplash

Address: Località Angeli Custodi 57, Alghero

Opening hours: In the summer only, daily 11pm-6am.

Occasionally holds special events and concerts out of season

Phone: +39 345 907 5072 Internet: il-ruscello.business.site

#### El Tró



Dance until dawn at this summer beach bar on a rocky outcrop not far from the historic city centre. El Tró is one of the city's most

well-known and popular night spots.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com Address: Lungomare Valencia, Alghero

Phone: +39 338 287 8348

# Miques De Mirall Ristorante Lounge Bar



Miques de Mirall (Pieces of Mirror) is located close to the old city wall by the ocean. They offer average priced food and their staff are friendly. The best

time to visit this place is mid-summer. All in all, the ambiance is clean, efficient and welcoming.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Manno 14, Alghero Opening hours: Daily noon-2:30pm / 7pm-11pm

Phone: +39 079 977 991

#### Maracaibo Cocktail Bar



Maracaibo Cocktail Bar is considered one of the best beach bars in town. They are known for their beautiful location, tasty cocktails and good music.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Lido 15, Alghero

Internet: www.maracaiboalghero.com

Email: gavinhulk@tiscali.it

# **Orange Lounge Bar**



Orange Lounge Bar has a young, hip and laid-back vibe to it, with its breezy outdoor seating area and suitably orange-decorated interior. It's great for a

quick coffee and snack, or for a few drinks on a hot summer's night.

Photo: Kzenon / Shutterstock.com Address: Via XX Settembre 4, Alghero Opening hours: Daily 7am-6am Internet: orange-lounge.business.site



#### **SHOPPING**



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The narrow streets of the Old Town are made for both shopping and window-shopping. Via Carlo Alberto, shoulder-to-shoulder crowded, is the main shopping street, while elegant boutiques line up on Via Gilbert Ferret. Stroll along Via Roma for fashion and jewellery.

Alghero is famous for the glowing, deep red coral found off the nearby Riviera del Corallo coast. Fishing for the coral is strictly regulated, and jewellery fashioned from the real thing does not come cheap. Feast your eyes on the finest at Marogna in the 16th-century Palazzo D'Albis on Piazza Civica. Across the square, Il Ghiotto has a tempting array of local wines, liqueurs, olive oils and speciality foods.

If you are there on the last Saturday of the month, do not miss the Arts, Crafts and Antiques Market on the Piazza Civico. In July and August, late night market stalls line the seafront on Lungomare Dante. During the summer many, shops stay open until midnight.

#### **Botarfish**



Botarfish is known for the production of bottarga (mullet and tuna). They sell it nationally and worldwide and provide fresh packs, in various

sizes, of hams and cheeses. Their typical products include Vermentino di Sardegna, Sardinian wines, Specialty bottarga, and tuna roe.

Photo: g0v.tw 零時政府/cc by 2.0/Flickr Address: Via Raffaello Sanzio 28, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 951 390 Internet: www.bortarfish.it Email: botarfish@tiscali.it

# **Dolce Pan Bacco**



Dolce Pan Bacco is a bakery known for selling a wide selection of pastries and confectionery. They produce handmade and

homemade chocolates, artisan breads, and other gift ideas. Go there to enjoy their traditional cakes, pastries and fine wines.

Photo: Tobik / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Vittorio Emanuele II 51, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 973 8486

Internet: dolce-pan-bacco.business.site

# Tangianu Pelle Alghero



Tangianu Pelle Alghero specializes in authentic leather goods. Items sold here are made of leather and include luggage, jackets, belts, bags and

much more. They also offer repairs of old leather garments, fur and suitcases.



Photo: pzAxe / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Gilbert Ferret 102, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 914 1389 Email: marconiolu@tiscali.it

#### **Nautisub**



In order to enjoy the superb scuba diving on offer in the Alghero area, be sure to head to Nautisub. This dive shop offers equipment and

expertise, for both beginners and experienced divers, as well as equipment for deep sea fishing.

Photo: CK Ma / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giuseppe Garibaldi 45/E, Alghero

Opening hours: Summer: 8:30am-1pm / 4:30pm-9pm.

Winter: 9am-1pm / 4pm-7:30pm

Phone: +39 079 952 433 Internet: www.nautisub.com

#### Frida



Located on Via Simon there is a vintage clothing and accessories shop for men and women called "Frida - L'Angolo Vintage". They sell items

such as vintage clothing, leather bags, knitted items and much more. They also offer free WiFi.

Photo: Piccia Neri / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Simon 16, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-1pm / 4:30pm-8pm; Sun

closed

Phone: +39 079 446 0104 Internet: fridalangolovintage.com

Email: frida.angolovintage@gmail.com

# **Boutique Marras**



In Piazza Civica you can find a fashion designer boutique named Antonio Marras. The place opened its doors in 2005 and exposed its impressive

interiors and fabrics. The brands found here include Alessandro Gilles, Antonio Marras, Daniel Fiesoli and many more. Services include personalized tailoring for clothing. Moreover, the boutique offers a free tax service for customers from the area outside the EU.

Photo: aastock / Shutterstock.com Address: Piazza Civica, Alghero

Opening hours: Daily 10am-1pm / 5:30pm-9:30pm

Phone: +39 079 979 363

Internet: www.efisiomarrasboutique.it

Email: fllimarras@gmail.com

#### Fantasia della Pasta Fresca e Dolci Sardi



To enjoy good lasagne, gnocchi, or ravioli, you can visit Fantasia Pasta Fresca. They produce and sell pasta and supply the whole community,

including many restaurants. The specialty Sardinian gnocchi is a must-try for any visitor to the island.

Photo: Eugenia Lucasenco / Shutterstock.com Address: Via XX Settembre 44, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 492 5714

# **Conad Superstore**



Conad Superstore is considered to be the largest supermarket in Alghero. It provides everything from drinks and snacks to everyday



necessities. Departments here include Banco Meats and Cheese, Meat Free Service, Orchard Fruit Bulk, and many more. Prices are also budget-friendly with convenient services for everyone.

Photo: Lisa S. / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giuseppe Mazzini SNC, Alghero

Opening hours: Daily 8am-8:30pm

Phone: +39 079 989 3103 Internet: www.conad.it

#### Mercato Civico Alghero



Test your bargaining skills at the central market in Alghero, where the freshest fruit and vegetables are for sale from local producers and

farmers. The explosion of colours, fragrances and flavours here is impressive. The fish and meat market next door also offers fresh and exquisite cuts of meat.

Photo: Photology1971 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Sassari, Alghero Opening hours: Daily 6am-2pm

# Calzoleria Naitana



Calzoleria Naitana specialises in high-quality leather goods, including belts, bags and accessories. But the main focus of the store is

leather sandals, which come in all shapes, sizes and colours. The quality of each item is undeniable, as is the craftsmanship.

Photo: Deyan Georgiev / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Ambrogio Machin 26, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-1:15pm / 4:15pm-8:15pm;

Sun closed

Phone: +39 079 975 954

Internet: www.sandalinaitana.it

# **Feeling at Home**



Feeling at Home is a workshop and shop that specialises in art and photography, offering printing, reproduction and framing services and

showcasing numerous works which can be purchased on the spot.

Photo: Kuznetcov\_Konstantin / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via XX Settembre 60, Alghero

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-1pm / 4:30pm-7pm; Sun

closed

Phone: +39 079 492 1367 Internet: www.feelingathome.it Email: giulia@feelingathome.it

#### **Enodolciaria**



Located right next to the Torre Porta Terra, the main entrance to the old town, Enodolciaria offers perhaps the city's greatest selection of local

gourmet specialities, including a huge selection of Sardinian wines and spirits, as well as oils, honey and sweets.

Photo: Markus Mainka / Shutterstock.com Address: Via Ambrogio Machin 55, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 492 3333

#### Agostino Marogna



Perhaps the best and most exclusive jewellery shop in Alghero, Agostino Marogna dazzles visitors with its elegant pieces. It specialises, like most

jewellers in the area, in the spectacular red coral



of the region.

Photo: Nastya Pirieva / Shutterstock.com Address: Piazza Civica 34, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 984 814

Internet: www.agostinomarognagioielli.it

#### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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# Alghero-Fertilia Airport (AHO)



Alghero-Fertilia Airport is located about 12 km from town centre. The public transport company A.R.S.T. has a bus leaving the airport about every

20 minutes. You buy the ticket from the ticket machine which is located inside the terminal. You can also buy the ticket on board the bus but then it costs slightly more. The journey takes about 20 minutes. Taxis from the airport to the city centre take about 15 minutes.

Photo: Gianf84/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Alghero Fertilia Airport, Alghero

Phone: +39 079 935 011

Internet: www.aeroportodialghero.it

More Info: Officially known as Alghero-Riviera del Corallo

Airport

# **Public Transport**



Alghero's Old Town is made for walking, but there are also five different lines (A.R.S.T.) connecting the different areas across town. You

can buy tickets at tabacchi, or from the ticket office inside "Giuseppe Manno" Public Gardens at via Catalogna. Remember to always validate your ticket when you board the vehicle. There are also lines to some of the tourist towns and beaches in the surrounding area. A train also connects Cagliari to Sassari with a branch line to Olbia. Tickets may be booked online.

Photo: Jad Limcaco/unsplash Internet: www.trenitalia.com

#### Taxi



You can hail a taxi in one of the many taxi ranks or order one by phone. The prices tend to be high, even if the fares are controlled by law. One of

the major taxi companies in town is Radio Taxi.

Photo: Fotis Fotopoulos/unsplash Phone: +39 079 989 2028

#### Post



Mailboxes in Alghero are large and engraved metal boxes that are red in colour. Stamps can be bought at the post office, tobacconists and at some

internet cafés. The main post office is located at:

Photo: Tommaso Pecchioli/unsplash

Address: Poste Italiane, Via Carducci 35, Alghero Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:20am-7:05pm, Sat



8:20am-12:35pm, Sun closed Phone: +39 079 972 0251 Internet: www.poste.it

#### **Pharmacy**



Alghero pharmacies operate a rotating system for out-of-hours openings. Information is posted in pharmacy windows. The signs are a green cross

and the term is Farmacia.

Photo: Mariano Baraldi/unsplash

Address: Farmacia Farmatodo Dios, Via Diez 5, Alghero Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-1pm / 4pm-8pm; Sun

closed

Phone: +39 079 951 111

Internet: www.farmaciafoisalghero.com

# **Telephone**



Country code: +39 Area

code: 079

Photo: Wesley Hilario/unsplash

# **Electricity**



220v, 50Hz Plugs have two or three round pins in a line.

Photo: mk. s/unsplash

**Population** 43,000 (2022 estimate)

**Currency** 1 Euro = 100 cents

#### Opening hours

Most shops open from 9 am to 1 pm and reopen after lunch from 4/5 pm until 8pm, Monday to Saturday. In the peak summer months they can stay open until 11 pm or later. Having a siesta is very common, typically from 1 pm to 5 pm. Many restaurants and bars are closed one day a week, usually mid-week.

#### Internet

www.sardegnaturismo.it/en/places/north-west/alghero

#### Newspapers

L'Unione Sarda — www.unionesarda.it La Nuova Sardegna — www.lanuovasardegna.it Corriere della Sera (Italy's main daily) — www.corriere.it

#### **Emergency numbers**

General: 112 Police: 113 Fire: 115 Ambulance: 118

#### Tourist information

Ufficio Turistico Alghero – InfoAlghero Via Cagliari, 2, Alghero Open Mon–Sat 9am–1pm / 3pm–7pm +39 079 979 054

Welcome Alghero Via Roma 57, Alghero Open Mon–Sat 9am–7pm welcomealghero.com +39 339 739 1591







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